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SUMMARY: EMBASSY SUPPORTS PROPOSAL TO CENTRALIZE CCMS COMMUNICATIONS AND CONSULTATION PROCEDURES IN NATO SECRETARIAT FOR REASONS GIVEN IN PARIS 07124 AND OTHERS SET FORTH BELOW. END SUMMARY.

1. EMBASSY LISBON WISHES TO SUPPORT SUGGESTION OF EMBASSY PARIS THAT CCMS COMMUNICATIONS BE CHanneLED THROUGH NATO SECRETARIAT. FACTORS SET FORTH IN PARAS 2 AND 3 OF REF (A) APPLY EXACTLY TO SITUATION IN PORTUGAL.

2. GOP INSISTS THAT ALL CCMS COMMUNICATIONS GO THROUGH NATIONAL RESEARCH BOARD, WHICH REPORTS DIRECTLY TO PRIME MINISTER. RESEARCH BOARD MONITORS CLOSELY (OR PREVENTS) OUR DEALINGS AT EXPERT LEVEL, SINCE PORTUGAL IS VERY THIN IN BOTH FINANCES AND EXPERTS. CENTRALIZATION OF RESEARCH EFFORT TO AVOID DUPLICATION OR OVERCONCENTRATION OF ATTENTION IN ANY PARTICULAR ORGANIZATION (I.E. CCMS VS. OECD) IS FIRM NATIONAL POLICY. POLICY OF PARTICIPATION IN AT LEAST SOME PROJECTS OF MAXIMUM NUMBER OF MULTILATERAL BODIES RENDERS IRRELEVANT OUR ARGUMENTS RE EXCELLENCE OF CCMS PROJECTS. WE HAVE BEEN TOLD PRIME MINISTER PERSONALLY APPROVES PERSONS SELECTED FOR ALL REPEAT ALL INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS, WHETHER AT POLICY OR EXPERT LEVEL, AND THAT HE PASSES ON EXPENDITURES ON SUCH REPRESENTATION. SYSTEM WORKS WELL IN THAT PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE GETS QUICK RESPONSES TO COMMUNICATIONS SENT TO MINISTRIES.

3. SECRETARY GENERAL OF RESEARCH BOARD HAS TOLD EMBOFF HE FEELS CCMS HAS FAR TOO MANY PROJECTS AND SUFFERS FROM AMERICAN IVERKILL. HE SAYS GOP CAN MAINTAIN ENTHUSIASM FOR THREE OR FOUR PROJECTS UNDER CCMS BUT THAT PROLIFERATION CCMS PROJECTS COULD CAUSE GOP TO LOSE INTEREST IN CCMS FORUM ALTOGETHER. SEC GEN REGRETS THAT CCMS APPEARS INCREASINGLY TO BE AN AMERICAN (EMBOFFS HAVE ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS BEEN EMBARRASSED TO FIND THAT DOCUMENTS OR MESSAGES DELIVERED TO GOP UPON INSTRUCTION HAVE ALREADY BEEN DELIVERED THROUGH NATO CHANNELS OR INDEED FROM OTHER EMBASSIES).

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4. SUGGESTION OF EMBASSY PARIS LOOKS FINE FROM HERE SINCE GOP HAS RECENTLY SENT HIGHLY QUALIFIED REPRESENTATIVE (BRANCO E MEIRA) TO BRUSSELS TO FOLLOW CCMS AND SCIENCE AFFAIRS. BRANCO E MEIRA WAS UNTIL RECENTLY SECRETARY GENERAL OF RESEARCH BOARD AND CAN SCREEN AND FORWARD CCMS COMMUNICATIONS FOR OPTIMUM RESULTS. USE OF NATO CHANNEL WOULD GIVE GOP WELCOME SCREEN AT SOURCE,

WHICH EMBASSY HAS BEEN UNABLE TO PROVIDE. HOWEVER IF
OTHER FACTORS MAKE ADOPTION OF EMBASSY PARIS' RECOM-
MENDATION IMPOSSIBLE, WE SUGGEST AS FALLBACK POLICY THAT
EMBASSIES BE GIVEN WIDE DISCRETION IN HANDLING CCMS MESSAGES.
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